Treasure Hunt

- What four steps summarize Israel’s repeated experience with the Lord?
- Does God have emotions? If so, what difference does it make?
- What three gifts did God give Israel during the wanderings, according to 63:11-12?
- Why should we learn about God’s past mighty acts for his people?
## Overview of Isaiah 58-66

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Structure of 59:1-15

Accusation (2pl)
59:1 Behold, the LORD'S hand is not shortened, that it cannot save; neither his ear heavy, that it cannot hear: 2 But your iniquities have separated between you and your God, and your sins have hid his face from you, that he will not hear. 3 For your hands are defiled with blood, and your fingers with iniquity; your lips have spoken lies, your tongue hath muttered perverseness.

Description (3pl)
4 None calleth for justice, nor any pleadeth for truth: they trust in vanity, and speak lies; they conceive mischief, and bring forth iniquity. 5 They hatch cockatrice' eggs, and weave the spider's web: he that eateth of their eggs dieth, and that which is crushed breaketh out into a viper. 6 Their webs shall not become garments, neither shall they cover themselves with their works: their works are works of iniquity, and the act of violence is in their hands. 7 Their feet run to evil, and they make haste to shed innocent blood: their thoughts are thoughts of iniquity; wasting and destruction are in their paths. 8 The way of peace they know not; and there is no judgment in their goings: they have made them crooked paths: whosoever goeth therein shall not know peace.

Confession (1pl)
9 Therefore is judgment far from us, neither doth justice overtake us: we wait for light, but behold obscurity; for brightness, but we walk in darkness. 10 We grope for the wall like the blind, and we grope as if we had no eyes: we stumble at noonday as in the night; we are in desolate places as dead men. 11 We roar all like bears, and mourn sore like doves: we look for judgment, but there is none; for salvation, but it is far off from us.
12 For our transgressions are multiplied before thee, and our sins testify against us: for our transgressions are with us; and as for our iniquities, we know them; 13 In transgressing and lying against the LORD, and departing away from our God, speaking oppression and revolt, conceiving and uttering from the heart words of falsehood. 14 And judgment is turned away backward, and justice standeth afar off: for truth is fallen in the street, and equity cannot enter. 15 Yea, truth faileth; and he that departeth from evil maketh himself a prey:
# A Brief History of Israel

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<td><strong>Gracious Care</strong></td>
<td>8 For <em>he</em> said, Surely they are <em>my people</em>, children <em>that</em> will not lie: so he was their Saviour. 9 In all their affliction <em>he</em> was afflicted, and the angel of <em>his</em> presence saved them: in <em>his</em> love and in <em>his</em> pity <em>he</em> redeemed them; and <em>he</em> bare them, and carried them all the days of old.</td>
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<td>therefore <em>he</em> was turned to be their enemy, <em>and he</em> fought against them.</td>
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<td>11 Then he [Israel] remembered the days of old, Moses, <em>and his people</em>, <em>saying</em>, Where <em>is he</em> that brought them up out of the sea with the shepherd of <em>his</em> flock? where <em>is he</em> that put his holy Spirit within him? 12 That led <em>them</em> by the right hand of Moses with <em>his</em> glorious arm, dividing the water before them, to make <em>himself</em> an everlasting name? 13 That led them through the deep, as an horse in the wilderness, <em>that</em> they should not stumble? 14 As a beast goeth down into the valley, the Spirit of the LORD caused him to rest:</td>
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<td><strong>Summary</strong></td>
<td>so didst <em>thou</em> lead <em>thy people</em>, to make <em>thyself</em> a glorious name.</td>
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63:10a Vexing the Holy Spirit

Cooccurrence of מרה and עצב:

Psa 78:40 How oft did they provoke מרה him in the wilderness, and grieve עצב him in the desert!

The image of the forsaken widow,

Isa 54:6 For the LORD hath called thee as a woman forsaken and grieved עצב in spirit, and a wife of youth, when thou wast refused, saith thy God.

NT Parallel:

Eph 4:29-30 Let no corrupt communication proceed out of your mouth, but that which is good to the use of edifying, that it may minister grace unto the hearers. 30 And grieve not the holy Spirit of God, whereby ye are sealed unto the day of redemption.
Deu 32:15-25  But Jeshurun waxed fat, and kicked: thou art waxen fat, thou art
grown thick, thou art covered with fatness; then he forsook God which made him,
and lightly esteemed the Rock of his salvation.  16 They provoked him to jealousy
with strange gods, with abominations provoked they him to anger.  17 They
sacrificed unto devils, not to God; to gods whom they knew not, to new gods that
came newly up, whom your fathers feared not.  18 Of the Rock that begat thee thou
art unmindful, and hast forgotten God that formed thee.  19 And when the LORD
saw it, he abhorred them, because of the provoking of his sons, and of his
daughters.  20 And he said, I will hide my face from them, I will see what their end
shall be: for they are a very froward generation, children in whom is no faith.  21
They have moved me to jealousy with that which is not God; they have provoked me
to anger with their vanities: and I will move them to jealousy with those which are
not a people; I will provoke them to anger with a foolish nation.  22 For a fire is kindled
in mine anger, and shall burn unto the lowest hell, and shall consume the earth with
her increase, and set on fire the foundations of the mountains.  23 I will heap
mischiefs upon them; I will spend mine arrows upon them.  24 They shall be burnt
with hunger, and devoured with burning heat, and with bitter destruction: I will also
send the teeth of beasts upon them, with the poison of serpents of the dust.  25 The
sword without, and terror within, shall destroy both the young man and the virgin, the
suckling also with the man of gray hairs.
Who is speaking in 63:11?

Then he remembered … saying, “Where is he …?”

The second “he” is the Lord.

So the first “he” must be someone else.

- The pattern of Judges, Ps 78, Ps 106 has the people responding to chastisement.
- Isaiah regularly uses 3ms for the Servant of the Lord, including the nation.
- Later in this verse, “put his Holy Spirit within him …”
- → Then he [Israel, the faithful remnant] remembered …
Num 11:25 And the LORD came down in a cloud, and spake unto [Moses], and took of the spirit that was upon him, and gave it unto the seventy elders: and it came to pass, that, when the spirit rested upon them, they prophesied, and did not cease.

Neh 9:19 Yet thou in thy manifold mercies forsookest them not in the wilderness: the pillar of the cloud departed not from them by day, to lead them in the way; neither the pillar of fire by night, to shew them light, and the way wherein they should go. 20 Thou gavest also thy good spirit to instruct them, and withheldest not thy manna from their mouth, and gavest them water for their thirst.
63:13b-14, How the Shepherds guide the Flocks and Herds

13b As a horse in the wilderness, they do not stumble

14 As a beast goeth down into the valley, the Spirit of the LORD causes him to rest

Psa 23:2 He maketh me to lie down in green pastures: he leadeth me beside the still waters.
The Big Lesson of vv. 11-14

Psa 22:4 Our fathers trusted in thee: they trusted, and thou didst deliver them. 5 They cried unto thee, and were delivered: they trusted in thee, and were not confounded. 6 But I am a worm, and no man; a reproach of men, and despised of the people.

Psa 44:1 We have heard with our ears, O God, our fathers have told us, what work thou didst in their days, in the times of old. 2 How thou didst drive out the heathen with thy hand, and plantedst them; how thou didst afflict the people, and cast them out. 3 For they got not the land in possession by their own sword, neither did their own arm save them: but thy right hand, and thine arm, and the light of thy countenance, because thou hadst a favour unto them. … 9 But thou hast cast off, and put us to shame; and goest not forth with our armies. 10 Thou makest us to turn back from the enemy: and they which hate us spoil for themselves. … 23 Awake, why sleepest thou, O Lord? arise, cast us not off for ever.

Rom 15:4 For whatsoever things were written aforetime were written for our learning, that we through patience and comfort of the scriptures might have hope.